

# Worship Service ~ July 28, 2024 9:00 am

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:  
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.  
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Darlene Sarne in honor of the baptism of her great-granddaughter Emerson Lloyd.

### PRELUDE "Send Me"

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY BAPTISM OF EMERSON GRACE LLOYD

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING SONG

### I WILL FOLLOW

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### INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*~Silence for Reflection~*

L: God our provider help us,

**C: It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**C: Lord of all, you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.**

## PRAYER LAB MINUTE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC     *"When the Spirit Walks in the Room"* by Bruce Cockburn; Joel Lurvey, guitar and vocalist  
*We're but threads upon the loom when the Spirit walks in the room.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION   ELW #172   HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 24:48-49**

<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

R: A reading from Acts.

**Acts 15:1-14; 19-21**

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.'

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, 'My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.'

The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, 'My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues.'

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ OFFERING TIME ELW #546 *TO BE YOUR PRESENCE* stz 1, 2, 3



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MUSICAL OFFERING "O Christ, Surround Me"  
by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (ACS #1084);  
Joel Lurvey, guitar and vocals

OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

ELW #547 *SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING*  
stz 1, 2

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE MUSIC

Next week's scripture: Acts 16:11-15 Lydia

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